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Burbank Goes Before Jury Probing Crime

State Police Supt. Thomas Burbank appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury today in District Attorney Jim Garrison's resumed investigation into organized crime activities in the New Orleans area.

Also called by the jury was Sgt. Jerry Lankford of the New Orleans Police Department's vice squad.

LANKFORD HAS been on loan to th eMetropolitan Crime Commission as a special investigator.

Garrison, it was learned, also sent a second subpena directing top members of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans to furnish names, addresses and records of confidential informants.

Aaron M. Kohn, managing director, E. C. Upton Jr., president, James W. Mills Jr., treasurer, and Philip L. Frank Sr., secretary, were directed to appear before the jury at 3 p. m. today.

The names and addresses of all informers, including informers classified as confidential, who have furnished information relative to organized crime in Orleans Parish, must be brought before the jury, according to the subpena.

IT FURTHER asks for information which was furnished to Life magazine for its publication alleging existence of organized crime in Orleans Parish and all documents, papers, records, books, and accounts—relevent to that information.

A previous subpena seeking the names of informants from the MCC was ruled too broad in scope by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

That subpena had asked the MCC to deliver all documents, papers, records, books, accounts and information disclosing names of informers and amounts paid for information given.

It had also asked for accounts of contributors, amounts of contributions and information about special knowledge of organized crime.

THE ORIGINAL subpena did not specifically mention Life magazine, although Kohn has admitted that the MCC furnished information for a number of Life stories alleging organized crime in Louisiana.

Garrison has denied the existence of organized crime in New Orleans. He initiated a grand jury investigation earlier this year to settle the issue, he said.

Several members of the MCC testified at that hearing, as well as Carlos Marcello and Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Regarding this new subpena, Kohn said today, "The matter is in the hands of our attorneys.

"I FEEL CERTAIN that all of the officers of the Crime Commission are determined that the welfare of persons who help develop the truth about organized crime in New Orleans must be protected from the vicious determination of District Attorney Garrison and his staff to injure anyone who discredits Garrison's denial of organized crime," he added.

"The people who have helped the Crime Commission understand the truth must not be injured by abuse of the powers of the district attorney's office."